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Investigation at Los Angeles, Calif., has established that JAMES EARL RAY departed Los Angeles on 3/17 or 18/68, presumably alone and via his 1966 white Mustang car bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

Investigation at New Orleans has established that an individual possibly identical with RAY was in New Orleans on the evening of 3/21/68. The exact date of his arrival and departure from New Orleans has not been established.

Investigation at Atlanta, Ga., has established that RAY rented a room in a rooming house in Atlanta on 3/24/68. Investigation has not established the date of RAY's arrival in Atlanta.

It is essential that the details of RAY's movements during the period 3/17-24/68 be determined.

Investigation has established that RAY stayed at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, during the period 12/17-19/67. He registered at this time as ERIC S. GALT.

It is logical to presume that RAY, upon his return to New Orleans in March, 1968, again stayed somewhere in the French Quarter. It is also to be noted that during March, 1968, RAY continued to use the alias ERIC S. GALT.

Set forth below are a list of all hotels and motels located in the French Quarter and, in some instances, hotels or motels located on the fringe of the French Quarter.

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